

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 502

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred  
Governor's Message No. 502, submitting for study and consideration  
the nomination of:

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

G.M. No. 502      PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER,  
for a term to expire 12-3-2018,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history and resume  
submitted by the nominee and finds Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser to  
possess the requisite commitment, sincerity, dedication, and  
qualifications to be nominated as the Deputy Chairperson of the  
Board of Agriculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nominee  
from Governor David Y. Ige; Department of Budget and Finance;  
Department of Human Services; Department of Transportation;  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Agribusiness  
Development Corporation; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Farm Bureau;  
Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponic Association; Hawaii Cattlemen's  
Council; Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District; South  
Oahu County Farm Bureau; East Oahu County Farm Bureau; Building  
Industry Association-Hawaii; 4 Ag Hawaii; East Kauai Water Users  
Cooperative; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Mikilua Farm Center; Hawaii  
Agriculture Research Center; Kauai Chamber of Commerce; DuPont  
Pioneer; EM Hawaii, LLC; Maui County Farm Bureau; Pacific  
Mariculture Concepts, LLC; Waikele Farms, Inc.; PRL English, LLC;  
Hawaii Farmers and Ranchers United; and one hundred eighty-one



individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to the nominee from one individual.

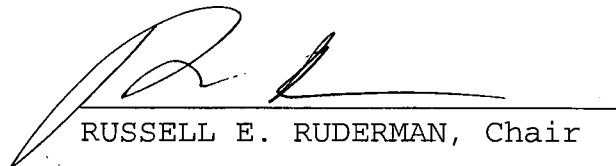
Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser earned a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She went on to earn a Master of Science in Avian Sciences from the University of California, Davis. With over thirty years' experience, Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser's background in fresh egg production, management, and poultry feed has provided her with a wealth of knowledge in the poultry industry in Hawaii. Since 2009, she has served as the President of Mikilua Poultry Farm, Inc. in Waianae.

Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser has also served on a number of boards and committees in the community, including the Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Egg Producers Cooperative, United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Hawaii State Committee, University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative Extension Veterinary Specialist Search Committee, and as a member-at-large for the Hawaii State Board of Agriculture. Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser has also received recognition from the agriculture community as the first female recipient of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation Outstanding Member award.

Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser's passion for and commitment to building sustainability, food resiliency, and quality of life for the people of Hawaii make her well-suited to serve as the Deputy Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture,



RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture**  
**AGL**  
**Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:* <b>Gm 502</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AGL</b>	Date: <b>4/2/15</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
SLOM, Sam	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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